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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented to credit the export value on exporting certain agricultural produces;

(b) whether the Government proposes to permit exporters to produce machinery and raw material in lieu of exports of their items; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The Government have launched Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana on 1st September 2004 to promote export of Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Minor Forest produce, Dairy, Poultry and their value added products. The Scheme has been renamed as Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana from 1st April 2006 onwards. The agriculture items whose exports are eligible for benefit under the scheme is listed in Appendix 37A of Handbook of Procedure (Volume-I) of Foreign Trade Policy-2004-06.Exports of products included in Appendix 37 A are entitled for duty credit scrip equivalent to 5% of the FOB value of exports.

(b) & (c) The duty credit scrip issued under the scheme may be used for import of inputs or goods including Capital Goods, which are otherwise freely importable under ITC (HS) classifications of Export and Import Items. However, the items listed under Appendix 37B of Handbook of Procedure (Volume-I) of Foreign Trade Policy-2004-09 are not allowed for import utilizing the scrip issued under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana.